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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE 2,400 IN OCTOBER TO 398,800

Gains in overall Manufacturing employment, combined with hiring in the Trade industry, increased total Rhode Island employment to its highest level of the year, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

Based on preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 398,800 in October. This represents an increase of 2,400 jobs over the September employment level. October employment also showed a significant annual rise of 4,300 jobs over the year ago level of 394,500.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment gained 1,400 jobs in October. The current level of 120,700 is the highest since December 1981, and is 2,000 greater than the total of 118,700 reported a year ago this month.

Employment in the Durable Goods sector increased by 300 jobs over the month to 53,800. This total is 1,800 more than were employed in October, 1982. The Nondurable total of 66,900 represents a monthly gain of 1,100 jobs, and is up by 200 compared to the one year ago level.

Within the Durable Goods sector, a gain of 100 jobs each was reported in October by Primary Metals, Electrical Machinery and Instruments. The remaining in-

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DES PROVIDES AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DATA TO EMPLOYERS HAVING FEDERAL CONTRACTS

Every business or firm employing fifty or more workers that successfully bids on a contract with the Federal government amounting to $50,000 or more in goods and services must initiate and maintain an Affirmative Action Plan. By doing so, the firm pledges itself to a sincere effort to achieve equality in its work force without regard to race, sex or membership in a minority group.

Copies of these Affirmative Action Plans must be filed with the Federal Office of Contract Compliance and they must contain current information about the local labor force, employment and unemployment levels, and additional data on women and minority group members of the work force in the area in which the contract-seeking firm is located.

All manpower information needed for Affirmative Action Plans is compiled on a regular, ongoing basis by the Research and Statistics Unit of the Department of Employment Security's Research and Program Standards Division.

This information is available to any employer and can be requested by writing to the Department of Employment Security, Division of Research and Program Standards, 24 Mason Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 or by calling 401/277-3706.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982
Total Placements	1,690-P	1,848	1,144
New Applications	4,046-P	3,666	3,797
New Openings Rec'd.	2,534-P	2,621	1,900

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	% Change Sept.1983
Initial Claims	7,019	7,018	+ 0.1
No. of Payments	41,276	54,103	- 23.7
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,483,358	$ 5,612,416	- 20.1
Exhaustions	1,068	1,262	- 15.4

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983
Initial Claims	1,012	1,684
No. of Payments	10,348	15,719
Amount of Payments	$ 1,018,761	$ 1,577,587

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force – Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	484.7	481.8	482.3
Unemployment	31.6	32.1	45.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.5	6.7	9.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.6	7.4	11.0

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	472.0	473.2	478.9
Unemployment	33.4	38.1	47.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.1	8.0	9.9

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	37,385	37,855	34,760
Unemployment	1,570	1,755	1,825
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.2	4.6	5.3

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	16,005	16,785	15,250
Unemployment	910	1,060	970
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.7	6.3	6.4

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through September 30, 1984. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
East Providence
Johnston
New Shoreham
Pawtucket
Warren
West Warwick
Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	398.8	396.4	394.5	+ 2,400	+ 4,300
MANUFACTURING	120.7	119.3	118.7	+ 1,400	+ 2,000
NONMANUFACTURING	278.1	277.1	275.8	+ 1,000	+ 2,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.0	13.0	12.6	-	+ 400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.2	13.5	13.4	- 300	- 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	81.0	80.6	79.4	+ 400	+ 1,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.4	21.5	21.3	- 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	92.6	92.9	91.2	- 300	+ 1,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.9	55.6**	57.9	+ 1,300	- 1,000

1982 Figures REVISED. 1983 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Oct. 1982
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.7	119.3	118.7	+ 1400	+ 2000	$276.11	$254.51	39.5	38.1	$ 6.99	$ 6.68
DURABLE GOODS	53.8	53.5	52.0	+ 300	+ 1800	315.55	289.86	40.3	38.7	7.83	7.49
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 200	275.32	220.85	39.5	32.1	6.97	6.88
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.3	2.3	2.0	0	+ 300	386.75	307.67	43.8	38.7	8.83	7.95
PRIMARY METALS	6.6	6.5	6.7	+ 100	- 100	353.58	323.05	42.6	41.9	8.30	7.71
FABRICATED METALS	9.6	9.6	9.8	0	- 200	248.16	228.60	37.6	36.0	6.60	6.35
NON-ELECTRIC MACH.	7.0*	7.0*	7.2*	0	- 200	361.98	336.26	40.4	39.1	8.96	8.60
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.3	11.2	10.4	+ 100	+ 900	265.18	243.46	38.6	38.4	6.87	6.34
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.2	8.4	0	+ 800	367.32	371.87	40.1	41.0	9.16	9.07
INSTRUMENTS	5.2	5.1	4.7	+ 100	+ 500	310.61	278.80	44.5	40.0	6.98	6.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	66.9	65.8	66.7	+ 1100	+ 200	245.99	229.22	38.8	37.7	6.34	6.08
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.6	3.5	3.3	+ 100	+ 300	200.47	253.37	33.3	39.1	6.02	6.48
TEXTILES	11.1	11.0	11.0	+ 100	+ 100	245.17	215.65	39.8	36.8	6.16	5.86
APPAREL	3.0	2.9	3.0	+ 100	0	218.50	201.22	38.4	38.4	5.69	5.24
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 100	244.51	249.69	39.5	41.0	6.19	6.09
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	5.7	5.6	0	+ 100	387.84	335.37	38.4	36.1	10.10	9.29
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 100	358.91	337.82	37.9	39.1	9.47	8.64
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0	287.32	282.03	41.4	39.5	6.94	7.14
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 100	280.19	265.44	40.2	40.9	6.97	6.49
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	2.7	0	+ 300	216.52	175.22	41.8	37.6	5.18	4.66
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.1	22.4	23.6	+ 700	- 500	206.56	208.50	37.9	38.9	5.45	5.36
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.7	5.6	5.5	+ 100	+ 200	262.86	174.38	41.2	28.4	6.38	6.14

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dustries in this sector showed no change from the preceding month. Compared to a year ago, significant increases recorded by Electrical Machinery (+900), Transportation Equipment (+800), Instruments (+500), and Stone-Clay-Glass (+300) were slightly offset by losses of 200 each in Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals and Nonelectric Machinery, and a drop of 100 in Primary Metals.

Among Nondurable Goods industries, Jewelry-Silverware recorded the most notable increase of 700 jobs in the month, but was 500 under its year ago level of employment. Monthly gains of 100 each were posted by Food-Beverage, Textiles, Apparel and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. The remaining industries were unchanged from the prior month. On an annual comparison, Food-Beverage and Leather Products gained 300 jobs each, Miscellaneous Manufacturing increased by 200, while Textiles and Printing-Publishing added 100 jobs each. Paper Products, Chemical Products and Plastics Products recorded losses of 100 jobs each from last October's employment levels. Apparel and Rubber Products remained unchanged from their year ago totals.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries increased 1,000 from September to October, primarily due to hiring in Trade and the settlement of two labor disputes in Public Education. The current total of 278,100 is also 2,300 jobs greater than the year ago total of 275,800.

Within this sector, notable monthly gains were reported by Government and Wholesale & Retail Trade. The former increased by 1,300 to 56,900 due primarily to the aforementioned strike settlements. However, the current total was 1,000 below its employment level of October 1982. Trade, at 81,000, increased by 400 in the month and was up sharply by 1,600 jobs over last year's total. Contract Construction, while remaining unchanged at 13,000 for the month, gained 400 jobs from its year ago employment total. Both Transportation & Public Utilities, at 13,200, and Services, at 92,600, reported losses of 300 each during the month, with the former down 200 from a year ago and the latter up sharply by 1,400 jobs over last October's total.

HOURS AND EARINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers decreased by 2 cents to $6.99 in October, but were up 31 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week also decreased by 0.2 of an hour in October to 39.5, although this was 1.4 hours more than were reported in this month last year. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $276.11 in October. This represents a decrease of $2.19 compared to the September level, but was still $21.60 greater than the one year ago figure.

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